

APPENDIX B

LORD LYNDHURST'S RECOLLECTIONS

1826-1832

The accounts of the sessions of 1835 and 1836 on pp. 301, 328, are taken from a memorandum headed ' Summary of Events — mainly Lord Lyndhurst's career from 1826 to 1836; written at Bradenham, Sept. 17, 1836,' and inscribed with the motto, 'Those who anticipate their century are persecuted when they live and pilfered when they are dead !'⁵¹ The earlier portion of the memorandum, though it has no connexion with Disraeli's own political career, is interesting as a contribution to Lyndhurst's biography and perhaps to the history of the time : —

Copley [1826] at Duke of Montrose's, which, he joined from the circuit : very dull : intended to go abroad, but detained a week by waiting for remittance from London. On his way up found at Manchester a communication from the Minister offering him the Mastership of the Eolls. Had he been abroad perhaps it would not have been offered. Lord Gifford had died suddenly, killed by his wife ; a cold and fever — wished not to travel to Dover; she insisted upon it, and he died from inflammation on his arrival.

Canning, aware of the impending fate of Liverpool, had long been maturing a party of his own; had sounded Copley. Canning aware that the Duke of Wn. meditated the premiership. There had long been two parties in the Cabinet, Canning's and Wellington's; but Lord Liverpool supported Canning. A breeze in the H. of C. between Canning and Copley, a little before the death of Liverpool, on the Catholic question. Canning irritated by Copley's rechauffing in a speech Phillpotts' (afterwards Bishop of Exeter) pamphlet.

¹ *Vivian Grey*, Bk. VI. ch. 4: ' He who anticipates his century is generally persecuted when living and is always pilfered when dead.'